

Land Sliding in Konkan Railway

*195. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Konkan Railway is facing a regular problem of land slidings;
- (b) if so, what remedial action Government propose to **take; and**
- (c) whether the Ministry would consider to take benefit of the experience of Border Road Development Corporation about land sliding in border areas?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Konkan Railway had appointed an Expert Committee to inspect and suggest remedial measures. Committee submitted its report in April, 2000. Implementation of the recommendations is in progress.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Number of specie & sub-species of plants and wild animals

† *196. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of species and sub-species of plants and wild animals in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that smuggling of the limbs of wild animals comes next to smuggling of narcotics and killing and smuggling of limbs of wild animals continues unabated despite ban under extant laws;
- (c) if so, whether Government are considering to draft stringent laws for protection of wild animals and plants becoming extinct and to check their smuggling;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.